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§19–1815. IN EFFECT

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2021 SPECIAL SESSION //

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “COVID–19” means, interchangeably and collectively, the coronavirus known as COVID–19 or 2019–nCoV and the SARS–CoV–2 virus.

(3) “COVID–19 test” means an in vitro diagnostic test for the detection of SARS–CoV–2 or the diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID–19, as described in § 3201 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

(b) For calendar years 2021 and 2022, an assisted living program shall adopt and implement a COVID–19 testing plan for residents of the assisted living program and staff who provide services to residents of the assisted living program.

(c) The COVID–19 testing plan shall ensure that residents and staff are tested for COVID–19 on a regular basis and at a frequency that is sufficient to prevent the spread of COVID–19 among residents and staff of the assisted living program.

(d) (1) The Department shall adopt regulations that set standards for a COVID–19 testing plan required under this section.

(2) The standards set by the Department under this subsection shall:

(i) Be guided by applicable federal orders and policies; and

(ii) Include requirements for testing frequency that are reasonably related to the COVID–19 testing positivity rate in the local jurisdiction in which an assisted living program is located.

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